

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please delete paragraph 0012 and substitute the following therefor:

A, [0001] Referring now to Fig. 1, drive element 10 corresponds substantially to the design according to ~~German Patent No. DE 299 05 274 U~~ U.S. Patent No. 6,404,321, so that reference may be made to the descriptions therein for comparative purposes. A spring-loaded valve tappet 11 of a valve 12 acts via a spacer 13 on a pressure plate 14 of the drive element 10. The body 15 of the drive element 10 is provided with an axial shoulder 16 on whose end a circumferential, outwardly extending projection 17 is formed. The shoulder 16 is provided with several axial slots 18 distributed over the circumference of the shoulder, the purpose of which slots is to enable the use of a screw cap, which will be referred to later.

No new matter has been added.